

Companion Synod Sunday

Sunday, June 1-7 (First Sunday), annually

Hatua Kwa Hatua/Step by Step/Paso a Paso

Going once....Going twice....Sold!

to the Christian with a heart for mission towards our companion synods, the Southern Diocese of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile.

In Tanzania, church members often do not have monetary means to share an offering. Instead of money, an offering may be whatever tangible items they may have (a woven basket, wood carving or utensil, agricultural produce, etc.) as a sign of their thanksgiving and service to God. Some, having neither money nor tangible items, simply put their hand in the offering basket as an offering of themselves to God. After the worship service the tangible items are converted to cash by way of an auction. It is a lively, joyful time of oneness and coming together for the common good of God's church.

On Companion Synod Sunday, we invite you to walk Hatua Kwa Hatua/Step by Step with our Tanzanian brothers & sisters in Christ by hosting an auction in support of our multi-faceted companion synod undertakings. We ask you to encourage congregation members to offer items and services for sale at an auction held after the worship service on or near June 1st-7th. Proceeds can be collected and sent to the Western Iowa Synod Mission Center (318 E 5th St, Storm Lake, IA 50588) with a check made payable to the WIS with either a specific project (wells, girls school, medical supply or CAD) or general Companion Synod Program support in the memo.

ALL ages can participate and the ideas (services, goods, etc.) are **ENDLESS!** What a great way to come together in solidarity of spirit and in support of our companion synod partners! Please plan to generously participate in this wonderful act of fellowship, caring and oneness!

“...That they may all be One.” -- John 17:21a